

Retaining the Morse Code requirement to operate on the HF bands is right up there with requiring all automobile manufactures to include a hand crak with every new automobile. Trying to entice new operators into the amateur community by demonstrating all of the great technology that is available to use, like PSK-31, and then telling them they have to learn code stops them in their tracks. At a recent test session several more than technically qualified people took the code test, one passed. The ones that failed are more than qualified to operate every mode, except CW, resulted in a loss to the amateur community. Eventually these dedicated people will pass the code test, but what a waste of time, and talent.

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